Jany 1st 1805 — This is another New Years day — the mercies of the past it is impossible to enumerate, neither can I recount the follies and sins which I have been guilty. The year past I have been more discouraged as to my spiritual concerns than I have been before — and still I cannot lift up my thoughts to God in such confidence as I once could — what shall I do? the answer is ready to present and believe — Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief I come to thee thou infinite mediator — for in thee alone is help —

During the last year I have been made the living mother of another living & proper child — these are now the objects of my care, & that they may be the subjects of that kingdom which consisteth in [illegible]

Janry 1st 1808 — Litchfield —

This evening completes seven years since with a trembling hand, I entered into the marriage state the scene was then extremely solemn, and I endeavored to look up to him whom I then called my covenant God, implo-ing his gracious presence & blessing — and now at the end seven years I can say with the patriarch of old "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed thy servant for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands." With what gratitude and praise ought I to set up my Ebenezer and say "hither to the Lord hath helped me" — but I also I consider my vile ingratitude my dreadful declensions — my stupidity, and all my transgressions which I have committed against this long suffering and gracious God — I am afraid that my state of trial will continue — these things are

to testify that thou O Lord
art God and not man, & that
thy ways are higher than
ours as the heavens are higher
than the earth - tho I have
been left in darkness, but
it is infinite compassion
that I am not cast into
outer darkness - I desire at
the beginning of this new
year, to recollect some of the
favours which I have been
conferred upon me the last
year, and first my life has
been shewn, and preserved in
a time of danger and distress
another child has been given
me, my health and that of
my family has generally
been entire - and when it
has been taken away and the
life of one of the children threa-
tened - O how kindly did
thou relieve and restore him.
but that which calls for the
loudest praise and the
warmest gratitude is the won-
derful outpouring of the
holy Spirit upon this people
when every effort seemed ineffe-
tual and all the means

of grace seemed to be in exercise
thou was pleased of thy
own free grace to operate
upon the hearts of thy people
=ple awakening conviction
and it is to hope, conducting
many souls to thy self - about
bout the first of July it
began - and has continued
and even been increasing ever
since - the happy evidently
appear to be Divine, and I
pray that God may have all the
glory - - And now, O Father
I desire once more to devote
myself to thy service - my soul
and my body with all thy
powers and all my faculties, to
be employed in promoting thy glo-
rious designs, and the interest
of that kingdom which Jesus
the infinite Redeemer, suffered
and died to establish; may
I no more consider my self as
my own but as bought with
a price - and solemnly devote
that - great God, I bring
these little ones, also to thee -

the work of thy hands, the
monument of thy mercy -
& let them be thy adopted,
sanctified children - It is only
as thy power to change their
hearts & they are continually
exposed to the assaults of the
grand adversary who seeketh
whom he may devour - O
let thy grace ever be their
shield and safeguard - Defend
them I beseech thee from the
vices and follies to which they
are peculiarly exposed in the
days of childhood and youth -
let thy grace ever be sufficient
for them - O my Father, remem-
ber the covenant which long
ago thou attempted to make &
be a God not to me only
but to my children also -
save me from ruining their
precious souls by my evil exam-
ple; graciously assist and di-
rect me in every duty towards
them - and let their adoption
& the station to be a fast preparation
for the holiness and felicity of
thy kingdom, to which O Lord may
my dear husband, children,
myself, my dear friends and relatives
all be admitted for the sake of our
Savior Redeemer Amen -

Saturday evening 2nd October 1807. Litchfield.

What an anxious uncertain life is mine! anxious lest I have embraced the hope of the hypocrite which must perish. Great God I am a poor self ruined creature, I come to thee, beseeching thee to instruct me - in showing the pardon of my sins, and an interest in the mercy of God in Jesus Christ. I pray that thou will shew me my real situation, if I have never been born again, O let me know it that I may be seriously alarmed and convicted of my sins, and O bring me out of darkness into the light and liberty of thy children. I would thank thee for the mercies of the last week and pray for their continuance, and O be pleased to pour out a spirit of prayer into our hearts, that we thy servants, whom thou hast inclined to wait for thy service may be enabled to glorify thee and I am sure to

our own souls - I would than
thee O Lord that thou hast at
last heard my prayer, and
provided me a female friend
who will join with me in a
=ing on thy name - O let us
do any thing to be seen of m
or this selfishness, but may
thy glory be the end of all o
actions - and in this as we
as every concern, may we
be guided and assisted by
blessed Spirit, and then we
shall be accepted - prepare
O Lord for the solemnities o
this hour and of thy day
and let me pray that
experience a comfortable
frame of mind, and bol
that my sins are pardon
thro' the blood of Jesus
Christ who is worthy and
him with thee ever wor
bless us and all ours, thro

Oct- 20th Tuesday evening-
About six weeks ago when
Mr H- was absent at
communement; I attempted
ed to pray in the family-
I have long that it to be
a duty, but never could
begin; I hope I was not
induced now from any
selfish views, but really
moved by the Spirit of
god - - oh! I have a
deceitful heart, I pray
god, to show it to my self
and make me to know
what my real situation
is - if I am deceived o
un deceive me I beseech
thee, and let thy character
be exhibited to me in such
a light, as shall constrain
me to love thee supreme
ly - one more a Father of
all mercy I desire to give
my self and my dear children
and all my dearest interests
and concerns with them, to
our Father and friend forever
in Christs name amen -

Oct 24th Saturday evening -

How little do I love thee, O
thou kindest best of friends!
and how slothfully do I serv
thee best of masters - yet g
-cious God all my hope is o
waiting for thy salvation -
eyes are to thee as the eyes o
servants to their masters,
is not my heart resolved
be devoted to thee - is it n
the desire of my soul to be
conformed to thee? - if it
not I pray that thou w
endeavour me, and know
my true state may I be
brought to hunger after
in the strong bond of the
love - make me to love
with more sincerity - to see
more of the character and a
-tributes, and to make me fee
bold by thy grace in every
duty - thanks be to thy
name for the glorious hop
of our God appearing, O may
that hope still more, as the
Lord God gracious and merc
receive me and all my dear
and children into the arms of th
grace and mercy of Jesus Christ

Aug. 31st Saturday evening -
Is it all a delusion, or have I
this day again received com-
fort in believing - this morn-
ing just after I awoke in re-
peating this verse, "O thou dear
overcomer of thy word I set my
seal that God is true," I set to my
seal to my God and make
my humble claim" I had
those feelings which I had
seven years ago — it was a
dear and comfort in saying
I am the Lord's and in feeling
that I had an interest in his
grace - but whether I have
ever experienced any thing
that is saving I am not cer-
tain - I have prayed God
to discover it to me, and if
I am created anew, I truly
feel these graces may increase
and I pray the power of
satan to have dominion
over me - yesterday I
attempted to keep a part
of my children -
went quite frequently in the
way to pray for my dear

to plead with some hearts
is it not of thy good Spi
it that I have a disposi
to attend to any of these duti
& I entreat thee give me
more and more of this spirit of
prayer, and let me be en
portunate with thee that
these children may all be
made everlasting monume
of thy love and grace in
the dear Redeemer - I pra
also for all my dear friend
that every one of them may
be brought to repentance &
a saving acquaintance wi
thyself - I pray for a bles
on one and all my dear fr
in the morrow - Suffer no
of us to dishonour thee -
grant that we may all
serve thee acceptably and
last be received to thy
kingdom above, for the
sake of our glorious high
priest who ever liveth to
make intercession for us
unto him be glory for e
amen - -

Oct. 14th Saturday evening –
Surely thy mercy O Lord endureth
for ever, thy ways are not as our
ways nor thy thoughts as our thoughts
else we would long ago have made
me a miserable monument of
thy displeasure – O that thy
long suffering might lead me to
repentance – but O this wretched
heart – last sabbath I was very
unhappy – O thou Lord of the
sabbath, I pray thee to renew
my heart; I beseech thee give
me lively faith in Christ, supreme
love to thee, and some suitable
apprehension of thy glory and
excellency – O let me not live
another day without an interest
in the great Redeemer – and
receive my children and friends
into a nearer relation to thyself
let them all be thy friends,
heirs of God a peculiar people
O Lord be with us all on the morrow
and speak peace to all
our souls – thou hast taught us
in the salvation of many here, and
hasten thy kingdom in every other
thy own name's sake amen

Nov. 28th 1807 - Saturday evening -
Last Thursday was our thanksgiv
and I would not suffer it to
unnoticed - amidst all the la
and sickness to which I was e
=hold - God has preserved my h
and health and that of my
family - my children are all i
safety and one more added to
their number - which other p
=rents, during the last yea
have been called with bitter
heart to mourn the los
their beloved children - ours ar
still spared. O that my fa
=thers may not provoke
to cut them off - O Lord tho
hast been very merciful wi
regard to all my temporal c
but I ask infinitely greater
blessings than these even, the
blessings of thy grace for my
my children and all my
friends - let none of us be left
to miss of eternal life - thou
hast graciously given me

to this people in the awaken-
ing convincing and conver-
ting many sinners let it fill
our hearts - and Jesus the Saviour
be universally adored -

Dec. 19th Jesus still lives, and still
intercedes for sinners at the throne
of God is abundantly evident -
never surely had any people
more reason to believe this, than
we in this place - ever since
last July, God has been manifes-
ting himself in the special ope-
rations of his Spirit, and many
precious hopes are called into his
kingdom - at no time has there
been more serious inquiry than at
the present — and yet amidst
all this how cold and stupid am
I - what a mistake is my heart,
for Divine grace to soften it,
and make it a meet temple for
the residence of the Holy
Ghost - sometimes I am all darkness
and I have never before had such

and blessed – when is the confidence I once felt in a covenant God – when sweet communion & that I once enjoyed with God – when that pleasure I felt in coming to a heavenly Father – when that devotedness to his service is all this a delusion, and have I never tasted that the Lord is gracious – Lord deal with this doubtful case, throw wide open thy heart of grace, pour upon thy work of grace if it be indeed begun – and let thy name become more and more glorious among this people and let me stupid sinner be found among us, help us to ascribe honor & power & thanksgiving and praise unto that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb for

Nov. 26th Saturday morning – Lord favor a Divine Presence upon

rebellious wandering child- thou
remembrest the covenant which
I attempted to make - & thou know-
est how false I have been - what
am I now to do, but that
thou wilt in righteous indig-
nation, spare me from thee,
and never give me one more
token of thy love - but as my
tender pitiful offended Father
look & touch thee on thy right
hand - is there not an almighty
loving Saviour whom heaven
& earth has been shut for the sake
of sinners? - pardon me
entreat thee, for his sake, and
for his sake restore my soul
thy forfeited favour - I be-
seech thee convince me of my
wilt - and bring me by faith
the Lamb of God which taketh
away the sin of the world and
be clothed with the garments
of - I pray for a blessing on
myself my children and friends

for this Sabbath - let it not
most gracious God, be a lost
opportunity and worse than
lost to any of our souls - sole
our mind - grant us
a spirit of prayer - & as thine
merciful Redeemer, be our
prevailing intercessor and all
the praise shall be to the
Father the Son and the Holy
Spirit - amen - -

Jany 23? This employment has
been long neglected by me; and
I desire now to return to it with
encreasing alacrity - but instead
of alacrity in thy service I
know sluggish, and
drowsy - pardon me, I entreat
thee - and assist me
by thy good Spirit to serve
thee more diligently

Febry 27th Sunday Mr H-
and myself returned from Hadlo
where we had made visit of
a week - and we were brotherly
abundantly - met the whole
family our brother and sisters &
[illegible] gracious [illegible]

their children - saw them all well and have reason to bless & praise God for his goodness - O that my heart could be filled with gratitude and love to this merciful Father but cold and unfeeling, I must look to the merciful high priest - who is able to pardon all sin - I pray for my friends and my dear children that they all be made thy children heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ I beseech thee subdue their will, and make all of them willing in the day of thy power - - & I entreat thee pour out thy Spirit on all flesh, O grant that the time may soon come when the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth - and Jesus Christ shall become King of kings and Lord of Lords to the glory of God the Father - -

Saturday evening April 16th 1808
Come Holy Spirit heavenly Dove w
light and comfort from above - the
sacred joyful day is commenci
on which the glorious Redee
arose from the dead and trium
ed over all his and our enem
blessed be God my life is still spar
and my probationary season
continued - & that the longsuf
ring of God might be my salv
tion - may I have gratitude
all thy mercies, and a heart
to pray for the advancement
of Christs kingdom - of late
have taken for some reason
or other, more comfort in pray
for the prosperity of Zion, th
of a heart to pray for it - th
have had - enlarge and sanctif
me this day - give me
pray the longing desire for
the salvation of my children
make me faithful to them
pray them - and O bless now
my dear friends to all of thy
grace - but forbear as
as by my sins and thy heave
most glorious name for Christ

Saturday evening April 30th 1808.

What an unspeakable favour is it that amidst all the cares of the world, we may go to an Almighty friend who is able to succour us, and relieve all our anxieties - I am now surrounded with a variety of cares - we expect on monday last of us to set out on a journey to Lebanon, and the rest on Tuesday - which makes my mind too much burdened with worldly concerns, but I pray my father to forgive & help me - & help me to rise above it all. - O help me to mount upward on the wings of faith and love, and contemplate that Saviour, (and the wonderous mercy and condescension he manifested in) who came into the world to save sinners - beholding with the eye of faith his glories of the heavenly world he left his father's bosom, & came a man of sorrows & acquainted with grief - O how astonishing that the Lord of Angels the Infinite God, should thus suffer

and die - and for whom? for the very vilest of rebels - pitiful Father and just! that thou have left the miserable race of man without a ray of hope, any one ignominy, all over to that ruin which the Devil but in condescension - thy agency worthy of a God to display Jesus that greatest of all gifts Jesus has finished the work of redemption - & ordered the ravishing sound to my low ruined soul - what thanks and praises do we owe to such a Saviour - on the morrow if the Lord permit, we are to appear around the table of our Divine Lord - & that each soul may be quickened to pray adore and love - - & by this refreshment, I pray thee enable me to withstand all the temptations that await me - and to discharge every duty acceptably - I have been very negligent in preparation for this holy ordinance I pray thee O Lord forgive me, and make me more to be aware &

and faithful, & help me to repent
sincerely of all those sins which
which I have committed the week
last and my whole life - shame &
confusion of face belong unto me,
and if thou hadst dealt with me
as I deserve I should long ere this
time have had my portion with
those who are forever lost - but I
am still alive and my family
still live and enjoy health - &
now I pray for my children
never would I forget to implore
thy mercy on them when I ask
it for myself - how earnestly
I wish & long to see & enjoy
that God who is rich in mercy
unto all who call upon him
and suffer little children to come
unto me and forbid them not -
gracious Redeemer, I come &
I would bring all these little
ones to thee and by faith plead
them in their arms, & in their
God, present them in the two ways
of thy love - and never suffer them
to perish - I pray for a blessing
on all my dear friends even
life for ever more - I desire not
the death of all mankind and yet
I ask thy ignatius - but I ask
all in the name of our almighty
mediator to whom be thy forever amen

June 25th 1808 - Saturday evening
Nearly two months have taken
their eternal flight since last
I performed this service on this even
=ing - in which time my heave
=ly Father has caused us to go &
return surrounded by his grace
protection and attended by his
blessing - what thanks do I owe
for such undeserved favours -
& that men would praise the
Lord for his Goodness, for his
wonderful works to the child
of men - Surely the Lord
has followed us with his goodness
and all his ways to my &
mine are merciful and gra
=cious - I have been seeking &
praying, that in the time
of such general attention,
to religion, some of our
children might be the subjects
of saving grace - but God's
ways are perfect - while
some families who apparently
cared nothing about it, have
been visited with divine
grace, ours has still been
left, and yet I have been
seeking and entreating the

Lord to be merciful, and dis-
-close his wonderful perfec-
-tions in perfecting praise out
of the mouths of babes &
sucklings; but the word of God
says, "we ask and receive not
because we ask amiss." I
am condemned I know, and
should we all be sentenced to
eternal death, thou wouldest
be just, as we should have
only our merited portion -
but I pray - while I have
breath I must pray that we
may all be interested in the
covenant of redemption.
July 9th Saturday evening
Still my life is spared, and
the loss the health and the
comfort of my dear children &
family preserved - and every week
and every moment bring fresh
testimonies of the loving kind-
ness of the Lord to a lost
world - and to me and mine in
her turn - and now I beseech
thee, O Lord grant a sabbath
blessing on me and all my dear

friends; enable us all to keep
this sabbath to our benefit
and to thy glory —
Saturday evening — July 16th 1808
Four years ago at this time
I was in distressing pain,
about to be delivered of my
dear little William — but the
Lord graciously appeared for
my help, and put joy in
my heart — and now I
would make it a season of
unusual prayer and so
humility — and endeavour to
dedicate him in a lasting
manner to the service
of his Maker — I beseech
thee Father of mercies
early to convince him of
sin — to lead him to a
right understanding of
the truths of thy word, &
a saving acquaintance with
them — I pray thee to make
me a faithful Father to him an
embassador of the Lord Jesus

to speak in thy name, to
his fellow sinners, — the har-
vest is great, & the labour-
ers are few — & he heard
if consistent with thy will
to send materials for this
exalted employment; fam-
ily, with family, Great
God visit each of their
hearts by Divine grace
& fit them for useful-
ness & give a seat at
thy right hand for the
great redeemers sake
pray all our friends
& admitted they to your
presence, him that
sitteth on the throne
and the lamb forever & ever.
July 23d. Last sabbath
I had several times of being on
a situation which would bring
sickness and distress upon me,
but I felt calm and particular-
ly in secret prayer at night

that I felt willing to bear whatever my Father might see fit to lay upon me, if I might be instrumental in promoting his kingdom in the world. But in the very conception of my heart again discovered itself - I had inward feelings, & I had murmurings thirts, I tried to conquer them but found it hard; but I cannot forget the feelings I had in the morning when my sins were shown to be grievous if ever I retained it was bitter - shame & sorrow filled my heart, for my distrust & ingratitude for former mercies and I hope I poured forth my soul into the throne of my Lord and Saviour even before I knelt on my clothes - pardon me O Lord for this sad story - this evening for the second time I have attempted to write with my heart but to bring it to God for his blessing in me

children, & I pray that
these seasons may be continued and may be smiled
upon by a blessed heavenly
God - O. Regard with mercy
I entreat thee O Lord God
all our dear friends and pre-
pare us all to serve thee in
life & in death and thro eter-
nity for the great Redeemer
sake amen -

July 30th This evening we have
had another season of prayer
but I was straitened & trem-
had not that freedom I last
time enjoyed, but he has
I trust & was comforted by
his prayer - what a blessing
it is to have words at command
but there things necessary to hum-
ble us I suppose - I hope to
God for his goodness the week
past. may it be still continue
ed - may health be restored
to the child under our care
and all of our family and friend
be spared unto for that work
& glory where sickness trouble
why death never come, for the
sake of Jesus Christ amen -

August 20th Saturday evening

This evening enjoy'd a short season of prayer with my husband - but an account of brother and sister Ly coming here had not so much season to our edification and comfort - and to his own glory - tho' much many of our friends have been to us; for which we ought to be very thankful. may we be kept under a sense of our sins and preserved from future transgressions - Lord God help me again to commit my children unto thee Almighty Redeemer, accept them to thy self - and may all our friends by them for ever, and the Lord be pleased to grant to the Father Son & Holy Ghost forever amen -

August 27th 1808 - Saturday evening -
Week after week is passing on
in succession, and bringing
me on with steady but silent
pace, to the last great day -
that solemn and awful day,
which will fix my eternal destiny
either in heaven or hell - for a
few weeks I have had more of
a hope than ever that my heart
is right with God, and that
all my unworthiness
and guilt, yet I must hope,
that I love the truths of religion
and desire to serve him -
trained up for all my sorrows,
& that my soul might be more
filled with gratitude and love,
again help me I pray thee to
bring these children to a merciful
Redeemer, and treat them not
according to their conduct, but in
thy mercy bring them all into
the ark of safety, my own
family my own
dear early in youth to
seek thy face and may all
their lives be dedicated to thee
all my friends
may they be happy as they can
be in this world of sin
and sorrow and may all
meet in heaven who shall have
been saved in the Lord

Sept 24th Saturday evening -
It is now four o'clock since I
attended to this employment,
and every saturday evening since
I have been so unwell as not
to be able to perform it; but
how thankful ought I to be
that I am recovered to such
a degree as to be able to re-
cord the kind care of a heav-
enly parent & to wonder and
adore; blessed be his
name that he did not cut
me off in the midst of my
days. It is astonishing that
he bears with such a rebel
so long - surely it is because
he is God and not man -
and he delighteth in mercy
else I should not now have
been among the living who have
hope - my health and strength
are again restored in a degree
but O! how averse to duty, and
I beg for grace to submit cheerfully
to the will of that Being who
has ever been infinitely kind &
gracious at such seasons -

his mercies never fail he hath promised to carry the lambs in his arms, and gently to lead those that are with young. I would plead this promise and beg to be supported & assisted - so as not to bring a reproach upon the name which I have professed to love - again most blessed and merciful God would I commend to thee my dear children, those last sent among them, a distressing complaint - I pray thee to give them strength according to their day - and deal gently with them, for thy great mercy sake - will thou still be gracious to my dear parents & make them to trust in and love thee, and may all our friends be thine, and we all accepted of thee at last for the great Redeemer's sake

Amen -

October 22. - Five weeks again have gone without devoting this season

to this employment - in that
time I have seen our first born
drawing near to human appear-
ance, to the sides of the grave
at two different times, I felt as
if there was no reason to think
he would recover, and endeav-
ored to be prepared for the trying
hour, & hoped to be support-
ed under it - & that even then
I could call God my Father, &
felt a pleasure in doing it &
thinking that he had the dispo-
sal of the matter - but thanks
to his name he has blessed the
means made use of for his re-
covery, and raised him to a
comfortable degree of health
& that I might ever feel the
gratitude which I ought to
feel - & mercifully dyed to the
other children restore them to
health - and make us all
wholly thine for ever & all our
friends also thine for the great
Redeemer's sake amen -

Oct. 29th Our usual custom of
praying together has been omitt-

this evening and a week ago,
whether the reason for it is sufficient or not is doubtful—
but I pray for pardon for this
as well as all our sins.
& how my heart am I of the
souls of these children, in the
morning I beg of God to enable
me to say something for this
& for that good, & & astonish
my stupidity, I wholly forgot
it and they are thus as I
fear training up to ruin—
& then Almighty God speak
the word, command me into
compliance with every duty
& suffer me not to bring
upon myself and my children
certain destruction—
let my duty to thee to myself. and to them lie with
great weight upon my
mind, and wilt thou bless
us, all and all our friends
with the blessings of thy covenant. that it may be
well with us in time and

Nov. 12th 1808 - a week ago tonight
I was sick with the measles -
the next day and night too was
quite distressful - but after that
recovered as fast as could be ex-
=pected on Tuesday was able agai
to attend to my children who
were three of them quite sick
with the same disorder, they
are all I hope on the recovery
tho' the two youngest are quite
feeble and poorly yet - - but
the eldest who has been so dan
gerously ill this fall was favour
beyond what we could reasona
bly have expected, when we
were afraid the disorder would
almost carry him out of the
world - we see the great goodne
of God in causing him to
have it much lighter than
many of the others - & how good
is the Lord - truly he tempers
the wind to the shorn lamb -

after all his visitations to this family - how much of kindness do I discover - never surely were there greater displays of goodness amidst such scenes of trouble and never surely was there so much ingratitude as I feel at present - O touch my heart O thou Divine Spirit and make me live thy precepts - a week ago last Friday I observed as a day of fasting and prayer on account of my children - hope I had some desire for the blessings I sought - and that the day was not wholly lost - may a merciful God, wash away its sin and accept of it for his own dear sons sake - I would again commend to thy mercy my dear children, preserve their bodies in safety - & Lord - but whatever becomes of them, O let their souls live! O be graciously pleased to touch thy and with those of all and those dear to us this with [illegible] dear ones

Nov. 24th 1804 — Thanksgiving Day

This year like all the former years of my life, I find crowned with the mercy of the unchangeable God — tho' I may backslide & rob him of his own, still he is the same and his mercies fail not — I think I have never seen so much of the dreadful power of sin in my soul as within this last year — and within a few months or weeks, in the midst of all this richness with which we have been visited, I have felt such a law in my members warring against the law in my mind as has brought me into captivity to the law of sin — but under all this load of iniquity, there is a way Jesus the spotless Lamb that his blood is infinitely worthy — to his mercy seat I would endeavour to fly & cast my guilty soul on his gracious and Almighty arm — but the goodness of God is amazing, & unspeakable as it has been mixed

testifying his displeasure continued by & since he has visited us with sickness, but he has in a signal manner provided for both our necessities, and when some of our children were apparently near the borders of the grave he has called them back - and we are now all of us comfortable, our worldly prospects are not bright but I can cheerfully commit all these things into the Lords infinite wisdom - & now Lord God would I desire to dedicate my self & my children unto thee, thou art our great Creator, thou hast a right to us, & do thou us and deal with us in such ways, as will us from sin and from eternal death - and do may it this year more agreeable to thy will - may all my dear friends be strictly so and we all be in the happy as to rest in thy kingdom never more to sin against thee.

Decbr 17th Saturday evening

Hitherto I may say, with sincerity the Lord hath helped us and a monument of gratitude ought to be erected in my heart to that kind benefactor who thus crowns me with his goodness; since I last attended to this employment, we have been to Hadley to see our friends blessed be God our dear parents still live, and we have been indulged with another interview we were returned in safety to Nichols Cabin with the goodness of God, and found the health of our little one quite restablished by this journey - found our family at our return once more in health as they have been ever since - a very much a scene of sickness as we have had the we ought constantly to recollect the goodness of God in carrying us all safely thro' it and making us

all so comfortable — another subject has been brought into view of late — whether Mary shall be his wife, or whether this Lord shall supply his wants — what will be the event, is uncertain, but I think I can leave it in his hands who doth all things well — and I pray for submission to his will what ever it may be — I would adore thee great God, for all thy perfections and for all the displays of thy self thou makest, in our world & Thine Jesus glorify thy grace in saving the souls of thy creatures — and let this sabbath be long remembered by me, and by thousands of them with gratitude and delight, this day — Lord work my children in the power of regeneration and make us faithful to their souls — may all our friends be thine and all of us at last meet in thy kingdom

Dec. 24th 1808 – Saturday even
I desire with gratitude to no
the kind hand of God extended
me the week past – in temp
ral affairs – but & I have
to mourn over my stupidity
worldliness of mind – how little
do I think of God and divine
things? – how little do I talk
to my children? – & what a
account can I give at last
my precious time – to that
who is repeating his acts of
long suffering and grace to wa
me – & for a fresh supply
of grace that thy holy Spir
might come with power in
my heart, and animate me
to more faithfulness in
my duty – Great God I de
this once more to come
consecrate my self and my
children unto thee, take
us O Father of mercy into
thy blessed family – & thou
eternal Son – Redeemer &

an object of sacred awe,
but as he shares in all the
amazing, the everlasting
blessings of the covenant of
grace - I have nothing but
sin to offer - pollution &
guilt cover all my services
take me therefore, & for
thy own names sake, sanc-
tify and adopt us all,
& make us fit temples for
the Holy Ghost - & Lord
help us to be more faith-
ful to each other, and let
me never lose sight of eter-
nity, and the salvation of
our souls - and assist
me, I pray thee to advance
this by every hopeful means
in my power - let
thy blessing always attend
my dear friend, and may
we all be so fitted by di-
vine grace for thy heaven-
ly rest, and made faithful unto
it, that we may at last
rejoice in the joy of saints
and the Lamb forever - and we

Dec. 31st 1808 - Saturday evening -
Another year is nearly gone,
and what O my soul hast thou
done for thy God & Saviour -
how little hast thou done for
his glory who hath been con-
=-nually attending to thee his
compassionate regards, and the
effusions of his mercy thro' a glo-
=-rious Mediator - help me
Almighty Father to exercise
that repentance - and grati-
tude which I ought to feel
and renewedly dedicate my
self to thee - I am thine
O God of grace, take and
fashion me according to
thy will, purge from me
all remaining sin, and
grant me new supplies of
thy Spirit, to assist me
in the way of duty - ; the
year last has been a very
remarkable one for

of mercy in our family, we have been carried thro' dan-
-gers & sickness and distressing sick-
-ness some of us, one or two
of our children have been
brot apparently nigh to
death, but God hath ~~spared~~
~~them~~ us to see them, & made
us still to rejoice in all
his goodness — and may
great God, would I renew
unto these children with
thee - take what is there,
and form their hearts to
love thee - when our lot
will be at we know not
but that as it will be
thine will to us to comfort
direct and bless us and may
we and all dear to us be
constantly preparing for
a state of happiness and
rest above, where all that
love they shall ~~part~~ ~~no more~~
~~misery~~ ~~part~~ to the Father
son and Holy Ghost forever amen.

Janry. 21st 1809. A little more than a week since Mr H. was dismissed from this hospt; the next day our dear parents came to us, on their second day of return; - and I hope I was thankful that we have again been permitted to meet under our circumstances of comfort. - & for a heart of gratitude to praise my kind Benefactor as I ought -. The event of Mr H's dismission, is indeed mysterious; never was a minister apparently more beloved or a hospt more upon the heart of their minister - but God's ways are not ours. I hope he has still a work for my husband, and that in due time he will direct & assist him to perform it - I pray that we may not be

rejected and turned out of
the service of the best of
masters - our sins are suf-
ficient reason to consign
us to endless misery - but
I would hope in God thro'
a merciful Almighty Savi-
our - his name, I think
is all my trust; for his
sake I would again inter-
cede for my dear children
& God of mercy - fold them in
thy embracing arms -
say to every one of them
ye are mine - save them
from sin and every evil
and make us faithful
to train them up for thy
kingdom - remember all our
dear friends and may all be
interested in the covenant
of thy love and at last all
be happy in thy more im-
mediate presence praising us
& Lord by the sabbath, and shine
in our hearts in mercy for Christ

Litchfield Jan-y 28th -.

Mr H- is gone to New York
and we are quite alone - but
I hope I can confide in the
Almighty watch care of Israel
his protection has ever been
afforded me, & I have the
greatest reason to trust
in him at all times; - his
arm is strong: and nothing
takes place without his per-
mission - & God of my sal-
vation on thee do I wait
for: a blessing upon my dear
children - I ask for them
not worldly favours, but
the best of all blessings
even the life of their
souls save them dear
youthful ones, grant the
penitence unto life unto
to be extended unto you of

teach their young hearts to
love a crucified Saviour -
O Lord such favours as these
would be too great for such
rebels to ask for for them-
selves or their children, but
thou hast abundantly revealed
in thy grace and compassion
to sinners - and I would
take encouragement, how-
ever to throw myself and my
children into thy Almighty
and merciful arms - I pray
also for all dear to me
that we may all be spared
in this valley of this Intire
and be made faithful in
thy service thro life that
so we may at last die
in peace and rise to a
glorious immortality for the
sake of Christ Jesus alone
who hath brought life and im-
mortality to light to whom be glory
forever amen

Febry - 4th 1809. Litchfield —

This day is my birth day, thirty years have elapsed since I have had an existence in this world - & the astonishing goodness and long suffering of God to such a vile ungrateful creature - it is about eleven years since I publicly devoted myself to the service of God - some part of this time I have spent as I then trust in the enjoyment of religion but much of it has been devoted to the world and Satan - how backward have I been in duty, how little have I viewed the hand of God in every event - - and although I have been loaded with benefits how basely have I returned ingratitude and folly - & how by me go in the. Grant I pray thee merciful God, I

give me such a sense of my sins as shall lead me to abhor myself and rejoice in ~~thy strength that~~ I will henceforth serve thee more faithfully — We are now about to remove from this place — this house will now be left never more by us, probably to be inhabited — & let this Providence teach us that we have no continuing city here — but Lord lead us not still can for and bless us as a family — guide guard and keep us on all our ways — make thy servants useful — make us all as ~~you~~ & remember these children in the covenant of thy love and take me to thyself this year if thou thinkest me in life more agreeable to thy will but a preparation for death and may all dear to me finally meet at thy right hand but Blessed amen

Hadley Febry - 18th 1809 - Dear Wend
It is about a week since we arriv
ed here - to spend a few months till
Mr H - can find a place to settle
may the Lord guide him and make
him useful and bless us all - -
thanks be to his name for this
unspeakable retreat - may we have
a sense of the goodness of God, and de
vote ourselves entirely to his servi
our children have been ill since our
journey - but they still live - & that
their souls might be saved, and the
sinful natures renewed - - great
God, with whom is the residue of the
spirit graciously regard these dear
creatures - I come only to thee, there
is no arm that can save them, O
be their Saviour their sanctifier
and their Eternal friend - - make
us the parents faithful and we
we have the unspeakable bles
sing of seeing them all walkin
in the truth - I pray for a co
pious blessing on all my dear
friends - make us all the a
bundance joy and peace in
believing and be forever by
thee supported for the sup
reme joys and glories of the
upper world - for Christ's sake

Saturday morning - Jan. 5th

Wednesday Ellen made a visit at Deacon Dickinsons - dined and spent the afternoon with Mr. Lee's brothers and sisters, next day she went to visit Jemima Clarke at Susan Parsons - on the day Mrs Elias Hibbard was buried after lingering many months, she departed in peace - this week I have written to my dear daughter Elizabeth - and endeavoured to bring up some serious considerations - may they have some good effect by the divine blessing attending - I can only endeavour to overcome Fears of evil consequences of his fault he was much affected at the time but to day repeats the same wish - and what shall I do? - I see so many faults in my children and am conscious I am much in myself, that I feel constrained to ask what we shall do? - and I would with the greatest sincerity

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H - gone to New Salem - Mr
Harding here this evening had a
letter from Helen - we have be
expecting them down this week
but find they cannot come till
the last of February - I rejoice
to find that the views that
in which I have written to
her has not been disagreeable
but that she expresses herself pleased
and owns her need of being
reminded of these things - O
may the Spirit of grace
enlighten her mind and that
of her husband - that they
may learn to love and serve
the God of their fathers - this
year is hastening to be gone.
O Lord me in forming new
resolutions for the future
year and give me strength
to perform them and oblige
both all this family and me in

Hadley April 11th 1818 Saturday evening -
Mary's birth day - I have endeavoured to
observe this, as a day of peculiar pray
=er on account of my dear Mary, who
about this 8 o'clock three years since
was brought into this world of sin and sorrow
great was my distress then, and God
granted deliverance and joy - may I
be enabled to travail in birth for her
again 'till Christ be formed in her
soul - and may I have the unspeak
=able joy of seeing her numbered a-
mong the Lambs of Christ's flock - I
desire to praise God for any assistance
in pleading with him this day - may
I take courage, and be enabled to wait
continually on God - knowing that
from him cometh all help and salva
=tion - to thy merciful arms O thou
Redeemer of lost sinners would I again
commit this precious immortal soul
to her covenant God provide for her
every thing necessary but I beseech
above all things not to deny her
influences of thy Spirit whereby
become wise to eternal life - bless
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Hadley April 25th 1818 Saturday morn
Edwards birth day - I come to thee o
my father in behalf of him, who
eleven years since, this morning w
introduced into this world of trial
I would praise thee for all the me
- ajubaircumstances which attende
his birth, and which have attend
him hitherto - and I come to thee
now to implore the influences of
thy Spirit always to dwell in
his heart, and to lead him in th
pathes of virtue and holiness -
leave him not to himself I
beseech thee, help him now to
make religion his business; an
may his whole future life b
devoted to thy service - Lord hear
me for Jesus sake thou art
inviting thy people come unto
thee make me to plead thy
promises for my self and my chil
ren, and make us all feel and
shew us to enjoy and serve
thee forever: to this to take and

Hadley. May 3th 1818 —

Elizabeth's and Catherine's birth day —
Where shall I find a place for this
vile ungrateful heart — it might
justly be expected that favours
such as this day is ~~all~~ calculat
-ed to bring to mind, would ex
-ite the liveliest thankfulness &
praise — but the world, a fatal
enchantment, or the things of
the world occupy my thoth and
engross my affections — O God of
my life and Father of all my
mercies, forgive I pray thee my
aggravated sins, and help me to
plead for the souls of these chil
dren — Almighty Redeemer take
them into thy compassionate arms —
no power but thine can renew their
hearts and fit them for heaven —
I beseech thee to do all that for
them which is necessary to their
usefulness here and their eternal
happiness hereafter — and I pray thee
help me so to do my duty to them
and my ~~other~~ children, that we may
all at last reunite in ~~that~~ loving adoring

Hadley March 20th 1819 - Day before
yesterday was Theodore's birth day
I endeavoured to plead for him the
blessings of the covenant in the day
time - but was too unwell in the
evening to set up - O my Father
all hearts are in thine hand, s-
-ake the word only and this soul shall
by thy creating hand, shall be
also anew and become transformed
into thine image - in thy mercy
is a boundless store for sinners -
will it not be as much for thy
glory to save the soul of this
child as to cause him to sink
under the weight of thy wrath
be pleased to make bare thine
arm rescue him from Satans
kingdom - take the prey from
the mighty and set the cap-
-tive at liberty - hear me O my Fa-
-ther - may I not plead with thee
as a child? unworthy as I am, I
would still hope in thy compas-
-sion for my self and all that I
hear and answer for Jesus' sake -

April 4th 1819 - This day the sacrament of the Lords supper was administered here, and six persons were admitted to the church - - I had more freedom of attention than common - but could not obtain that freedom in laying hold of the righteousness of Christ that I had hoped - am I a child of God? - a very solemn question; to answer it in the affirmative is what I dare not do - and to say that I have never been a partaker of divine grace; I hardly dare say neither - painful uncertainty - all owing to my own want of faithfulness - O God of grace I will look yet again unto thy holy hill - for from thee only must come my help - turn not away from my prayer - be pleased to lend a gracious ear to my request - and if thou hast begun a good work in my soul, I beseech thee carry it on - & I am still in a graceless state, bring me speedily I beseech thee, to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus - bless my husband and children, &. and let none of us perish in our sins hear and answer for Jesus Christs sake Amen

April 13th 1819 Last sabbath the
11th of April was Mary's birthday
hear O God of mercy my sow[illegible]
for her precious soul - leave her
not, I entreat thee, to her own ru
ful course - by nature a child of
wrath - if thou art not pleased to
interpose, her end will be miserab
& for Jesus sake renew her heart
now in the morning of life - I
thank thee that thou hast been
pleased to make her so for a
blessing to her parents - let her no
I beseech thee, grow hardened in sin
obstinate and wicked, be pleased
now even in her infant years
to sanctify her heart, and make
her whole life to be devoted to thee
I would leave her with thee beseech
ing thee to take her in to thy
family, and make her a blessing
while she lives and at last
blessed in thy heavenly kingdom - [illegible] answer -

May 8th 1819 Elizabeth's and Catherines birth day - May Gods blessing rest upon them - I desire to plead with thee for their precious souls, whatever of an earthly nature it shall please thee to withhold from them, I beseech thee not to deny them thy salvation - grant them true repentance and faith, that their whole lives may be devoted to thy service, and they may at last be received to serve thee in a perfect manner in thy kingdom - the 25th of last month was Edward's birth day tho' not wholly forgotten I did not notice it as I designed - I beseech thee to remember him in mercy & prepare him to be a blessing in the world and an instrument to advance thy kingdom - look to thee also on my account, refine me & fit me to dwell with thee and trust to thy all sufficient [illegible] for [illegible]

June 27th 1819 - Hadley - Sabbath
=ning -

The 28th day of last month - about
eleven o'clock, in the morning, I
was made to rejoice in the birth
of another son - never can I grate-
fully and adoringly bless the goodness of God
for his mercy to me in this hour
of distress anxiety and danger - how
much better did he deal with me
than I feared - I am ashamed of
my unbelief and of my shameful
distrust of thee - O my covenant
God, why is it that I am so
forward? thou art gracious and
merciful to the evil and unthank-
ful - I beseech thee to enable me
to spend my future life more in
your service and to thy glory make
me more diligent, and active
in instructing those around me
and especially my dear children
in the things of salvation -

and wilt thou crown my exertions with thy blessing -. In particular I would plead at this time for the precious little one just brought into the world - I have been the means of giving him a sinful corrupt nature - I can do nothing to effect his salvation, without the influences of thy Spirit, O be pleased to help me, and especially dwell in his heart, by thy grace, and suffer him not to go on the way of sin - renew his heart early in life if it may consist with thy will - and prosper him to be a blessing in the world, and blessed at last in thy heavenly kingdom - Thou hast entrusted us O Lord to watch over him in thy house, and to dedicate him to thee in baptism ~~by the name of Frederick Dan~~ how may we feel that he is not our own, but may we be careful to bring him up for thee, who has so kindly dealt

death with us - Why is it
that I then forgot the birth-d
of my first child - he is dead
how dear then O Lord only kno
est, I would not omit any
thing dutifully which might
be beneficial to any of my
children - I implore thee influen
d thy Spirit to descend into
each of their hearts, and that
thou will help them according
to their wants and circumsta
-ces - help us I beseech thee for
and children, to to discharge
our several duties that we
may all every one of us, me
& at last in thy glorious kin
dom, never more to be separat
but to spend eternity
in praising and serving
Lord and Redeemer in whos
worthy name I would ask these
favours, and desire to devote my
& all and my all to thee amen -

July 4th 1819 Went to meeting this morning, a strange preacher this afternoon had a sermon of Doctr Dwights — Mr H— gone to Ly with James and Theophilus — I have some reason to be encouraged with regard to some of my children, but have no evidence that any of them have passed from death to life — my constant prayer for them is that their souls may be saved — I have long made this prayer, but I would not give over; tho' the Lord tarry I would wait for him — and have all my concerns with him —

July 11th 1819 — Theophilus' birth day — Hear me O thou allmighty Father did any ever ask thee in vain? — will thou refuse to grant me this request for this dear child? not riches, honour, or pleasure do I ask for him — a new heart an interest in thy favours is what I do most earnestly entreat thee to bestow upon him — I lay ... [illegible] and answer for Christs

Hadley August 1st 1819 Sabbath morn

The 16th of last month was William's birth day - I endeavoured to carry him to my covenant God, and plead for him the blessings of salvation but O how cold and formal am I in all my addresses - how strange that the eternal realities do not move with my ardent exertions - is it possible that such a sluggish heart has ever been renewed - ? how little gratitude do I feel for the profusion of mercies, which flow on us, and among them would I number the late deliverance which I have experienced. to plead God would suitably to affect my heart with a sense of thy mercies, and enable me to live in some measure as I ought to live - This day the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered - I endeavoured to plead for spiritual blessings on my self and my children but how I can only say that I am all sin, and my services also - forgive me I pray thee for Christ's sake and

Sept. 25th 1819. Saturday evening — Last sabbath for the first time Mr H. preached at Springfield — will probably supply the new congregation six sabbaths — Last Thursday Charles left us again for Cambridge, having spent five weeks at home. he seems more sober at heart than he ever has before — O that he may be indeed — sober minded, and a real friend of Christ — I pray God, that my children may all become the friends of the Redeemer now and love him while they live, and be received to heaven at last for Christ sake. amen

Oct. 9th 1819 Day before yesterday was Bettie's birth day — O thou covenant keeping God who hast ever been kind to those who seek thee in sincerity I would desire to plead with thee at this time in behalf of this child — thou hast given her many mercies in time to come

Nov. 29th 1819 [illegible]

agreeable qualifications, but all these are of no avail while her heart is unreconciled to the truth. her I pray thee, the plague of his heart - the necessity of an interest in the Saviour - and give her a title to eternal life, for his sake - in thy great mercy I entreat that thou will, visit her and prepare her, to be a blessing in the world and to spend a happy eternity in thy kingdom - I would have her with thee hoping and praying that she and all our dear children may receive of that fullness which there is in Christ and grace for grace -

Dec. 3d - 1819 Friday evening - Yesterday was Thanksgiving day - I staid at home with the children - Mr H who had been a journey to Milltown - preached at Springfield - returned last night - I spent the morning at brothers, this afternoon and evening Deacon Dyer and his wife - brother and his wife took tea here -

The mercies of the year past, are far far beyond my powers to enumerate - the Lord has abundantly blessed the labour of the husbandmen, and indeed all his dealings toward me have been evidential of his long suffering to the rebellious and unthankful - he most mercifully carried me thro' a season of distress and anxiety and made me the joyful mother of another son - he hath spared all our lives - and we have not been called to part with any of our dear relations how wonderful his mercy and condescension - ! - O how justly ought I to lament my stupidity - and with what gratitude should I endeavour to serve and please him - I would now endeavour to devote myself and all that I am and have to him beseeching him to make me more watchful and prayerful - more heavenly minded and zealous in thy service - take care of my dear children I beseech thee and my husband and of my own soul also; and may we all be fitted

by thy dealings with us here, to
lie in peace and to spend an eter-
nity in thy immediate presence
for the sake of Jesus thy blessed
Son - who alone is worthy -
Jan'y 1st 1820 - Hadley - Bless'd
the Lord for his forbearance; he still
lengthens out my life and my co-
fort - provides for my wants - and
those of my family - another ye
is gone, never to return - but
the transactions of the last ye
at me remember are registred in
heaven - O how shall I stand
in thy presence - thou heart
searching God - without the garm
of a Saviour's righteousness I woul
not appear before thee - grant
me I pray thee this covering
and mother I shall be able to
hurt my soul - - Thy mercy
to me and my family the
year past ye more than I can
reckon up - may I never for

gift thy goodness, but be enabled
to live in some measure answer-
able to my obligations - and now
for the year that is just begun
I supplicate thy blessing for myself
and my children - & divine Redeem-
er - hast thou not died for sinners
will not thy grace and mercy
be as much displayed in the
final salvation of these souls, as in
their condemnation - O my Father
my covenant God - who hast led
me all my life long - who hast
delivered me in distress - preserved
me in danger - and blessed me abun-
dantly hitherto - now be pleased
to be our guide friend and Father
while we live make us useful -
in life happy in death and blessed
forever in thy kingdom for Christ's
sake amen -

March 28th 1820 This is Theodore's
birth day - let me recollect the
mercies of God which attended
his birth seven years since
my dear mother was
then with and ministered to
my comfort - and after great pain
and danger the Lord wonderfully
delivered me - what thanks do I
owe to my heavenly Father -
I would now lay this dear child
to thee - Divine Saviour take
him into thine arms and bless
his soul with thy forgiving love,
say unto him thou art mine -
write his name in thy book - for-
tify him by thy renewing grace
to a useful life - a happy death
and a blessed eternity: and to this
end wilt thou wean now in his
infant years - manifest thy
self to him and acquaint him
with thy self this [illegible] danger - and

guilt are and the only way
of acceptance with the - gracious
God to thee I commit his im-
mortal soul. with thee I leave him
beseeching thee to make him and
all of us thine for the Redeemers
sake amen - -

April 11th 1820 - This day Mary is four
years old - and I would recollect the
goodness of God which I then experi-
enced, and desire to praise his great &
holy name - wherefore O Lord didst
thou create this precious immortal
being? - may I not hope, that thou
wilt display thy power and grace
in her salvation - ? to renew her
heart and form her capable of loving
and serving thee, is a work which
thou alone canst perform - but
blessed be God thou hast in
times past perfected praise out
of the mouth of babes and sucklings
why may I not hope for a display

of thy goodness in her behalf -
Lord I implore thy blessing on
her soul - I come not to ask
for her any temporal good, it
is the life of her soul that I
desire - and I beseech thee, to
hear me - turn not away from
my request - O in thy tender
compassion - grant me the desire
of my heart - and let her live
before thee - whether she live
may she live to the Lord and
whether she die may she die
to the Lord - I commit her to
thee O my Father, my cove-
nant God - be her God and Fa-
ther and the God and Father
of all this family for Christ's sake
Hadley April 26th 1820 - Yesterday
Edward was 13 years old - I endeavoured
to commit his precious soul to
my Father's faithful hand - but
with how little sincerity and
resp thee my heart -

help me now I beseech thee to plead with thee that he may become interested in all the blessings which Jesus Christ died to purchase – will it not be the glory of God if he should win now in his youthful days to make a subject of thy forgiving love – I have nothing to bring – but sin and pollution of my own – but plead for thy name – there are promises in thy blessed word – there is abundant encouragement – thousands have experienced these blessings and the heavenly hosts have been filled with rapture at the scene – may not the conversion of this dear child occasion joy in heaven and joy on earth – grant me I beseech thee my request and bless him and all of them with any interest in Jesus the Redeemer amen

Hadley May 20th 1820 - The eighth
day of this month Elizabeth's and Cath-
erines birth day were both noticed by
me - but on account of Frederics being
unwell I did not attend to the cir-
cumstance as I wished - now let me
plead with all a mothers earnestness
for the life of their souls, not for vain
long life honour, or any worldly
good do I ask - thy favour, O
God is life and thy loving kindness
is better than life - the greatest of all
blessings I seek - even the salvation
of their precious souls - I would
thank thee for all the merciful
circumstances which have attended
them thus far - let them not be un-
supremely attached to any thing
of a worldly nature - make sanctified
discoveries to their minds of thy
character, of their own character &
of their duty as shall engage them
to devote themselves early in life to
thy service - - O Lord I have been
longing and seeking - and hoping

till my eyes almost fail for thy
salvation - O wilt thou always
hide thy face - will thou shut
thine ear continually against
my prayer -? others are wrot to
love and serve thee 2 are enabled
to begin in earnest to walk
in thy ways - and are not asham
ed to be seen on the Lords side
and must these dear children who
have so often been envited to thee -
and so often been carried in the
arms of faith and prayer to the
mercy seat - be cast off - A forbid
it gracious God - O hear me I
entreat thee and save them from
going down to the pit since thou
hast found a ransom - and the
glory shall all be thine thro' Jesus
Christ amen -

Hadley May 24th 1820 - This day Charles is
9 years old - - I would thankfully remem
ber goodness of God at his birth and all
the mercies which have followed us

ever since - praised be the Lord
for all his mercies - I have been
earnestly desiring his second birth -
I have daily entreated God to give
him a new heart, & I have been anx-
iously looking for some evidence of
his being at heart desirous of becom-
ing a christian - but I must
still mourn over him as
afflicted with his situation, I desire
to be thankful that he is not left
to commit open scandalous sin,
but this is not enough - I want
to see him following the
holiness - and in earnest seeking
an interest in the Saviour - O
Lord God this is thy work and I
pray thee begin and carry it on
this is a precious season, and must
it be wasted in folly and sin? -
O forbid it gracious God - make a
display of thy power and glory
and have mercy on his soul & cast
him not off - but in great compas-

Hadley Oct. 7th 1821 - Sabbath evening - -

This is Bethia's birth day - sixteen years ago - my parents were both living - and with me at Litchfield - now the places which then knew them know them no more - amidst the various changes which have taken place, I have ever been followed with mercy and loving kindness - my life and the lives and health of my dear children have been preserved - and now O God of grace help me to bring to thee this dear child - give me faith to yield her up - and will thou be pleased to accept her as one of thy children will it not be for the honour of thy name, and to the glory of redeeming love, to save her soul - glorify thy self I pray thee in her salvation - overcome all her stupidity, and shew her that she is in danger of eternal everlasting Misery - open her eyes to see and her heart to feel -

and from this time I beseech thee
make her a child of thy grace -
thou has visited other families,
and made members willing in the
Day of thy power - - I have been
waiting and hoping - and fainting
with thou art of power - Is there
no balm in Gilead is there not
a Physician there? I hear my
prayer I entreat thee and let
not a single soul of this parish
perish - - rouse them from their
state of security and give them
a good hope thro' grace - and
may we all at last unite at
thy presence above in ascribing
kingdom power and glory to him
that sitteth on the throne
and unto the Lamb - -

con appear for his relief and grant
him an interest in thy favour &
in all the blessings purchased by the
blood of Jesus - that with thee for
have him for a useful life and a
comfortable passage in to thy kingdom
for Jesus Christ sake amen -

May 28th 1820 - Eleven years ago this
day Whiting was born - and one year
ago Frederic - for the first I would ask
thy grace to enable him to overcome
all those sinful propensities which
have dominion over him - thy grace
can conquer all sin - I come to the
certain - an infinite fulness is free
for all, & why do not sinners flee
unto him who alone can save - Save
this child I pray thee by the word
of thy love - convince him of his
real state, and make him savingly
acquainted with the only
way of acceptance - - the other &
Father of mercies I would also commit
thee - first coming into being - O how

interesting the object - a soul which will exist eternally either in happiness or misery - great God show thy self the compassionate and merciful Saviour - write his name in thy book of life - my hope for him is in thee & leave me not to hope in vain; will not thy glory be advanced by his salvation - may it not consist with thy purpose to save his soul - even now to receive him into thy family - and even in his infant years to sanctify him and prepare him for usefulness in life and blessedness in eternity - I leave them both with thee beseeching thee to be their God guide and portion here and their eternity - for Jesus sake who alone is worthy - amen -

July 11th 1820 To day Theophilus is nine years old - How kindly hast thou carried him along thus far - enable me to plead before thee at this time for his precious soul - may the

year rolls on, and he still remain
stupid - & how alarming his condi
tion - - and yet how unconcerned does
he appear - & what can be done,
to rouse him from his slumber
I would still plead with thee for
thy hardening mercy - & glorify
thy self & pray thee in his behalf
to - thou delightest not in the
death of sinners, but thou art
more ready to bestow mercy than
sinners are to seek for it - - in
this, I beseech thee, his heart to
love thee - make him sensible of
his dangerous condition and enable
him I beseech thee to flee from
the wrath to come - and to devote
himself to thy honour and glory
cast him not away - from thy
presence - but shield him and make
him a chosen vessel to thy name
Amen

July 16th 1820 - Hadley - -

Williams birth day - Sixteen years ago he began an existence which will never end - but he is a child of wrath - & I have no evidence of his having passed from death to life - He has in years past been wrought upon - but all these impressions seem to have vanished - and I dare not hope that his heart is renewed by the Holy Ghost - to thee O God as my refuge - my helper my father and my friend I come I have no other hope but in thee, be thou unto me and mine better than I can ask or think I would ask of thee unspeakable blessings but not greater than thou delightest to bestow - Incline the heart of thy servant to serve and love and trust in thee. O with those who fear us all which we love - and whom thou shalt remove bring us to thy heavenly kingdom

Oct 13th Last Saturday was Bethia's birth
day - I endeavoured to commend her to a
covenant keeping God - and to implore for
her those spiritual blessings which God
alone can bestow - hear me O my father
and in thine infinite compassion awaken
her to see her lost condition - let her no
longer feel secure in a state of impeni
tency - grant her godly sorrow for sin, and
true faith in Jesus Christ - that she
may now in the morning of life
set out in the ways of religion &
devote her soul and her body all
her powers and faculties to the
service and glory of her Maker &
Redeemer - hear me O my Heavenly
Father not for my own sake but
for the sake of our Allmighty
Advocate and Intercessor whom thou
hast set forth as a propitiation for
the sins of the world - in his all
prevailing name grant these my
petitions and all the praise shall
be thine forever - Amen -

Nov. 25th 1820 - Day before yesterday
was thanksgiving day - our three elder
children absent - C - and W. at Cambridge
and C - at Waterford - all in search of
knowledge - & may they seek and find
the pearl of great price - that knowl-
edge with which all else is vain -
How multiplied the blessings of the
last year - our lives all spared - our
health preserved or if interrupted -
most mercifully restored - while others
have drank deeply of the bitter cup
of sorrow - our cup runs over with
blessings - Edward has been sick &
his life threatened - but the Lord in
mercy restored him to health
and we have abundant reason to
praise him for all his goodness to
and the children of men - let us ever
trust in him and commit all our
concerns to his gracious and faithful
hands - & Lord my God bless protect
guide us this year and all our
days and at length prepare us all
for and receive us to thyself in the
kingdom for Jesus sake - whom thou
always hearest
heavenly F.

March 18th 1821 - Sabbath day - Theodric's birth day
Eight years since I was in a house distress, and
danger - but God in mercy interposed and
granted me relief in a moment - moment -
may I never forget his goodness in thus
appearing for me - and may I use my
utmost endeavours to bring up this dear
child for his service and glory - enable
me I beseech thee at this time to plead,
in the name of the great Redeemer, whose
blood cleanseth from all sin - that the heart
of this little one may be renewed even in his
youth - will it not be for thy glory to
adopt him into thy family, thou hast
learned out the mouth of babes and
sucklings to perfect praise - and in
many instances thou hast fulfilled this
promise - O hear me I beseech thee when
I beg of thee to make a display of thine
all mighty Power in this case - glorify
thy name and thy sons name - in his
salvation - and to this end help me to
be more faithful now engaged in instruct
ing him and my other children - now, ear
nest is my prayer for them and with
him O that this may we all be prepared
for death and thy kingdom of glory anon

The fourth day of last month I was forty two years old - I desire to be thankful - that I did not pass over it without some suitable reflections - and more earnest desires that my remaining days might be more agreable to the will of God - I would again bless the Lord to enable me to devote this precious season, in which there are continuing my health and activity, to the business of leading those children in the way of true religion help me I pray thee Divine mother and enable me to use them diligently - which shall conduce to their becoming really thy friends & followers - without thee I can do nothing - Lord help me and I can do all things, all that is my duty to do and entreat to keep this family & order all things in mercy for us so that whenever thou shalt call us out of time we may be prepared for death and all at last meet in our Father's House where there are many mansions - hear and answer for Christs sake amen -

July 11th 1821 - Theophilus is today
10 years old - I look back upon the
time of his birth, and desire to ascribe
praise to thy name O Lord for thy
gracious interposition - - I would
thank thee for the birth of this
child and for all thy mercies which
have attended him thus far - especially
I would thank thee that he has
at times appeared to put on a
measure the love of divine truth,
I beg of thee most earnestly that
thou wilt give him a true
knowledge of his character, and
of his duty - acquaint him with
thy self, I pray thee, that he may
be at peace - conduct him along
in safety thro' this state of trial
and suffering - let all thy providen-
tial dealings be sanctified to the
good of his soul - so that he and
all the dear children of this fami-
-ly - may with their parents - at
last join that blessed society in
heaven - where there is no sin or
sorrow or separation forever -
All for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Saviour amen

July 16th 1821 - Seventeen years
ago this day William [illegible] first breathed
the vital air, my parents were then
living - my mother with me - since
that what changes have taken place
father and mother have forsaken me
but my heavenly father has raised
up other friends - & his goodness has
supplied all my wants - - O that I
might be prepared to follow my
parents wherinsoever they followed
Christ - William is now six Colley
I would implore thy blessing on he
& thou who hast been the guide of
my youth - be pleased to impress
upon his mind a solemn sense
of his condition, and enable him
to secure the one thing
needful - let him not put off the
all important business for which
he was sent into thy world -
to any future period. but rouse
him to such a sense of his dan
that he may find no rest -
until he is brought to a savin
knowledge of the truth as it
is in Jesus - hear I pray th
in his name for he alone is
the mediator - a